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### Douglas Promotes Thomas

Promotion of J. D. Thomas to factory superintendent at the Torrance location of the Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., was announced today.

Thomas, who has been with the aircraft company for 19 years, had been superintendent of manufacturing at the Torrance facility.

He became associated with Douglas in 1936 in the tooling section. He rose to supervisor of tool design and planning, and assisted in the activation of the Tulsa Division during World War II.

The new factory superintendent was born in Eugene, Oregon, and attended Washburn College at Topeka, Kansas.

Thomas lives with his wife and three children at 9111 Kittyhawk, Westchester.

### Strand To Hold Wed. Matinees

The Strand theater, corner Torrance blvd. and Catalina, in Redondo Beach, will now hold bargain matinees every Wednesday with doors opening at 12:30, continuous entertainment to be featured from 1 p.m. on.

The Strand theater is the first one in the South Bay area to hold mid-weekly matinees, it was reported.

Matinee bargain prices will prevail till 5 p.m. Children, accompanied by parents, will be admitted free.

### Start Course In Crime Psychology

The University of Southern California is offering an off-campus course to meet the needs of certain groups who are unable to attend regular courses at the school.

A community service course on the "Psychological Aspects of Crime," such as the traits of the law-breaker; juvenile delinquency; causes, detection, and treatment of crime, will be held at the Torrance General Hospital, Building A5, 1124 West Carson street.

Enrollments and registration fees must be in by the next meeting on February 17.

Classes will be conducted by Dr. F. Risch of USC every Thursday evening from 7-10.



TO APPEAR ON TV: Torrance Accordionettes from the Bettie Thomas studio will appear on the TV show sponsored by Oscar Maples, local Ford dealer, Saturday, February 19, at 3 p.m. on channel 7. Included will be (l-r): Rose Mary

Mahaffey, 10, Bill Cosby, 9, Jerry Roberts, 10, and Janice Thomas who is giving Oscar Maples a few pointers on the accordion, while Bettie Thomas looks on.

### Civic Theater Group To Organize Here

A civic theater will soon come to Torrance, if an open organizational meeting to be held next Tuesday, January 22, at the YWCA, Carson and Plaza Del Amo streets, proves to be as successful as small preliminary meetings have been so far, John Hudson, chairman pro tem of the movement, announced this week.

Hudson, a teacher at Torrance High School, has been one of several Torrance residents busy lately in laying the ground-work for a future civic stock company of community-wide proportions.

The Tuesday meeting will be for the purpose of acquainting interested persons with the purpose of such an organization, electing officers, and choosing a play for initial production.

Seek Meeting Place

H. L. Heinlein, Mrs. Melford Bauman, and Mrs. Paul Harestad are the committee in charge of the building search, and have arranged for the Y meeting and later rehearsals.

They are now engaged in finding suitable locations for production purposes and will welcome any person with ideas as to where a theater group might permanently locate, Heinlein says.

"Our concept of a community theater is that it should aid other organizations in any of their dramatic activities as well as encourage aspiring actors, writers, and technicians in possible professional careers," Hudson asserts.

Openings for members are unlimited, and anyone with or without experience is encouraged to take part. However, the turn out at the Tuesday meeting will indicate how much local support will be forthcoming, Hudson feels.

There is only one other drama group in Torrance, the Hampton Players, who perform in Redondo Beach and not in this community.

### MRS. EVEN TO HEAD HEART FUND

Mrs. Charles Even of North Torrance has been named chairman of the Heart Crusaders in the 1955 Heart Sunday campaign. Assisting Mrs. Even will be Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. D. R. Turner, both of Torrance.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Thomas Allen, attorney, of Gardena. In accepting the assignment, Mrs. Even said this is the fourth year in which various communities of Los Angeles County have sponsored appeals for funds in February, campaign month of the County Heart Association.

Mrs. Even pointed out that the Heart Fund provides money for heart research, community heart programs, and education. Such important projects on the local level as the life-saving artery bank, as well as research at a number of key hospitals and university medical schools, are supported by the Heart Fund.

Volunteers to help with the drive are asked to contact Mrs. Even at DA. 9-3328.

### 174th Street Opened To Main

Completion of the opening and improvement of State Highway 175 (174th Street) between Normandie avenue and Main street opens another vital link in an important cross-county road which will help to relieve congestion on east-west roads in the vicinity of Lawndale, Torrance, and Gardena, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said today.

### Accordion Players On TV Saturday

It'll be Torrance on TV this Saturday February 19, when the Torrance Accordionettes from the Bettie Thomas Studio appear on KABC-TV (Channel 7) sponsored by Oscar Maples, Torrance Ford dealer.

A feature of the program to be presented at 3 p.m. Saturday will be the final play-offs in the accordion contest conducted by Mrs. Thomas.

Three top accordionists who nosed out their competition in contests held earlier this month, will vie for top honors and the grand prize, a brand new Frontalini accordion.

These three contestants are Carole Senchal, Ronnie Anderson and Bobby Kinkade.

The play-off will be judged by several name musical stars of national fame, including Lawrence Welk, Myron Florin and others.

An enthusiastic crowd attended a card party sponsored by the North Torrance Civic Improvement association recently, it was announced. Chairman was Mrs. Charles Leichtweis.

### Council Holds Report Workshop

Mrs. Charles Rotman, Gardena-Wilmington Council P-TA treasurer, held a workshop recently at the Gardena Community Center for all local P-TA treasurers. The main purpose of the workshop was to explain the annual reports which must be turned into the Tenth District each year.

Torrance High school students pitched in in a big way during the March of Dimes fund-raising drive this year.

Instead of putting the money raised from the election dance into the student fund, students agreed to turn all the money over to the March of Dimes.

Joe Fazio, student body president, presented Mrs. Clara A. Conner, March of Dimes chairman, with a check for \$60.87 Tuesday, as the student body's contribution to the polio fund.

In order to raise the money, tickets to the dance were sold for 10 cents a piece. The dance was sponsored by the Student Council.

Students made the contribution in honor of Fred Diesel, a fellow student who was struck by polio about two years ago.

### MEETING SET

The McMaster's Park Recreation Council will meet Wednesday, February 23, at 8 p.m. in the recreation building at McMaster's Park. All organizations and P-TAs are requested to have a representative attend the meeting, and all individuals interested in better recreation facilities in North Torrance are invited.

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